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RE: Star Stone Quarries, Peoa Blonde, M/043/012. Summit County, Utah

Att: D. Wayne Hedberg> permit supervisor

We are aggrieved by this tentative decision and are hereby filing a written protest with this Division, we do have factual reason why this proposed operation should not be approved.

Having purchased lot no. 36 Park East Development a few years back which is adjoining the proposed quarry site. Our intentions for our lot,(as with everyone that has bought land in Park East Development) was to be an investment and is to become a family recreational and possibility a home site. We feel our lot is limited in its beauty and view, with all the other quarries established there already. (in case you haven't been out of your office to check this out there are THREE in the area right now) Right now in the area we have some developments going in, there are three or four phases in each development, and there are about three thousand homes in each phase. We believe that expanding the quarry is going to lower the land value and consequently we will suffer a loss on our land, (which if approved we will expect to be compensated for incurred damages to our investment) Right now the quarry's are, to say the least an eye sore, they run all hours, seven days a week, the equipment is noisy, the dynamiting shakes the ground, the employees of established quarry's trespasses on our land, there doesn't seem to be any direction from owners of existing quarry's, now we are looking at more, of the same, the dust that is created from the equipment on the bare hillside, is not being contained and is very irritating when you have allergies, and we don't believe that tearing up the terrain, and the hillside, directly in front of our choicest view would be to our best interest.

We are presently anticipating drilling a water well and improving the

over all vegetation on our property, including trees, and shrubs. The expansions that they are contemplating will take out a natural little valley with a stream and trees (probably one of the three in the whole Park East Development) which they will then, contaminate the stream, that both properties share, and where the wildlife waters every night, which will limit the wildlife's area where they will be able to get water.

As to the expansion of the quarry (I know I keep referring to expansion of quarry, where as they are under another name, but if you came out to see where they have marked, it hooks right on to the existing quarry or so relatively close, that it leads us to believe it is an expansion and not just a building of a new quarry this means that by going by a new name they won't be bound by old laws) what is the anticipated time limit to the excavation of said quarry, the proposed area of the expansion of the quarry is a relatively steep angle and will be virtually impossible to landscape without the possibility of erosion taking place. One of my main concerns being that the hillside will not be landscaped or contained in my lifetime.

Our proposed spot for drilling our culinary water supply will be within approximately 200 feet of said quarry (if approved) said spot being into the twin creek formation, being a highly favorite formation to obtain quality, and quantity, of water.

And as with all land purchases our intent was to increase the value of our land and our investment thru time not to have our land value decreased by the ever expansion of rock quarry's no matter which way you look.

We ask that you do not approve the expansion or development of Star Stone Quarry, that you do limit the quarries to the three that are already there in the Park East Development section of Utah, that you do not devalue our land and do not further spoil our view and the over all appearance of the beautiful valley.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Shirla Hanton

Russell & Shirley Huntsman

PS Letter and pictures to follow in snail mail.























